GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:7637
ANSWERED ON:16.05.2002
PAYMENT OF DIVIDEND
CHANDRA BHUSHAN SINGH

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways have not even been in a position to pay dividend in full to the general exchequer for the last two years and its payment of nearly Rs. 2500 crores has been deferred;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Railways have been taking up new projects without completing the earlier ones; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINIST RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL)

(a) to (d) : A statement is attached.

STATEMENTREFERREDTO IN REPLYTO PARTS (a) to (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 7637 BY SHRI CHAND BHUSHAN SINGH TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 16.05.2002 REGARDING PAYMENT OF DIVIDEND.

(a) The Railways have had to defer part payment of dividend to the General Exchequer to the extent of Rs. 1823 cr and Rs. 1000 cr respectively, during 2000-01 and 2001-02 (RE).

(b) In recent years Railways' expenditure has increased steeply after implementation of the recommendations of the Fifth Central Pay Commission, while the growth in earnings has not kept pace. As a result the internal generation of resources reduced drastically. Railways, therefore, had to seek partial deferment of dividend for two years to enable minimal plan outlays.

(c) & (d) While the Railways are aiming to complete the on going works on priority, new projects are also being taken up on urgent operational, safety and developmental considerations.